



ILLINOIS VALLEY **WHEELM'N**



February/March 2005

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What is This?

As you will notice in the above heading, this newsletter will serve as both your February and March newsletter. This is because your newsletter editor will be gone for about 6 weeks checking out Tucson. Recently Bicycling Magazine rated Tucson, Arizona, as the #2 bicycling community in the nation. That plus a great desire to get away from the cold motivated me to check out the town.

The fact that you won't be getting a newsletter in March makes it all the more important that you get on the Wheelman email list. This can be done by sending an email to IVWheelmn@yahoo.com and writing in the subject line "add me to your list"? Bonnie Johnson intends to use this email list to let members know about events that didn't get in the newsletter or are happening on short notice. So to stay informed you need to make sure Bonnie has you in the club's email list.

MIDWINTER SOCIAL

We will meet on Friday, February 4th at 6:00 at Lariat Club for dinner. There is no special agenda, just an opportunity for all of us to get together and have dinner. Please contact me at 682-7771 or email ivwheelmn@yahoo.com by Wednesday, February 2nd so I can make a reservation.

Bonnie Johnson, Social Chair



Swap Meet

Time to clean out all that bicycling paraphernalia that you no longer use and bring it to Safety Town, February 10 at 7:30 P.M. Your trash might be someone else's treasure, and you might find just the thing you have been looking for at a great price.

Chicago Bike Show

The Chicago Bike Show invites all cyclists young and old for a weekend of fun and fitness at Navy Pier from April 1-3, 2005. This is the largest consumer bicycle show in the country with over 150 exhibitors! You'll get the latest scoop on hot new products, check out the extreme stunt show, seminars, demo ride areas, time trial racing and a kid's corner---there's something for the whole family! For more information, check out www.chicagobikeshow.com or call 847-675-0200 x201.

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LIB Completes Mississippi River Trail Plan

In 2004, LIB researched a route for Illinois' 585-mile section of the Mississippi River Trail (MRT), under an IDNR contract to produce an MRT guidebook for touring cyclists. As a follow-up, LIB has developed our "Recommendations for Improvements to Illinois' Mississippi River Trail".

The prioritized suggestions include paved shoulders in rural areas, some bike lanes in cities, and some off-road trails in more urbanized or popular sections. IDOT's bicycle policy is used as guidance, as most of the route is on IDOT-maintained roads.

Opportunistic improvements are highlighted, by listing all MRT segments scheduled for roadwork in IDOT's 2006-2011 Proposed Highway Improvement Program. The plan is being sent to each relevant IDOT district.

The plan, and the Illinois' MRT guidebook, are at www.bikelib.org/mrt. The route was picked based on factors including proximity to the river, availability of off-road trails, roadway "bike-friendliness", accommodations, and points of interest. LIB debuted the entire route at the May 1, 2004 "Trail-Breaking the Illinois MRT" event.

Route 66 bicycling:
Interested in helping develop or reviewing a Route 66

bicycling guidebook from Chicago to St. Louis? Contact LIB at 630-978-0583 or lib@bikelib.org

IDOT State Bike Plan – Input Needed

The Illinois Department of Transportation has begun its statewide bike plan focusing on improving two areas:

- Prioritizing which of IDOT's upcoming road projects most need bikeways – and what type?
- Prioritizing trail/bikeway projects potentially using Transportation Enhancements grants.

Specific criteria for prioritization and bikeway type selection will be applied to a large state database of existing bikeways, bike plans, destinations, and census data. A set of January meetings provided a project overview. The next meetings will gather input for determining criteria. More information is available from www.dot.state.il.us/bikemap/bikehome.htm or Robin Martel at (312) 261-5725.

LIB has been heavily involved in providing suggestions and expressing concerns about the project. We would like to help gather public input for the plan, especially for those unable to attend IDOT's daytime meetings. To submit your ideas, visit www.bikelib.org/political_state/idotplan.htm

Classified Ads:

2002 Lemond Maillot Jaune size 53cm (center to center) 853 Reynolds Pro Team Steel Frame. Brand new Reynolds Ouzo Pro full carbon fork. Full Campagnolo Centaur 10 speed, ITM Millennium stem, Shimano PD-R540 pedals and Mavic Open Pro wheels. Near perfect condition. Call or email for details. \$1000

J.D. Keenan 692-7322 or
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2001 Colnago C-40 B-Stay size 57cm. Full Campagnolo Record 10 speed. Campagnolo Electron clincher wheelset. Excellent condition. Call for details. \$2500.

2003 Zipp 303 clincher wheelset. Campy hub. Zipp Ti skewers. \$700.

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In honor of **National Bicycle Month**, the Illinois Secretary of State has approved a colorful limited edition license plate that can be used for the months of April and May instead of your regular plates. The fee is quite reasonable. Interested? Check it out at www.bikelib.org/seasonal/2005bikemonth.pdf

New Members

Fred & Marilyn Smiser.....Pekin

Renewing Members

Gregg Benning.....Joliet

Lori David.....Peoria

Mike Dvorsky.....Peoria

John & Jan Galbreath & Family...Peoria*^

Rolla P. Godfrey.....Toulon

John Groff.....Peoria^

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Chris Schena.....Peoria

Linda Simkins.....Peoria

Michael & Emily Therry.....Marquette Hts

Kevin Thornberry.....Peoria

Dorothy Venturi.....Farmington

*LAB Member

^Advocacy

New Year's Day Party

Twenty-five to thirty Wheelman knew just the right way to start off the new year—good food, good friends and (for some hardy souls) good exercise. Greg and Lori Durst hosted the new year's day get together and Greg led the group in a bicycle ride before the party. Lori made several delicious soups and chili and everyone brought either an appetizer, a salad or a dessert to share. Lots of fun and a good way to get to know your fellow cyclists better while enjoying the hospitality. Maggie, the Dursts' boxer, did her part greeting each guest and keeping the floor clear of any scraps. Thank you, thank you, thank you to Greg and Lori for making this such a fun get together.

Spring Breakout Ride

Don Eberle (699-2790) will lead us on our annual Breakout Ride April 9th. Ride will start at Russell's in Washington at 9:00 Saturday morning. The ride will be about 20 miles with a meal stop. For those wanting to ride farther and faster, there will be a longer route option. All levels are welcome and in keeping with the social aspect of the ride, no one will be left behind or dropped. The rain date will be

onable. Interested go to www.wheelman.com. Think warm and

start your riding season with a great social ride. Want further information? Call Laurie Wilbur 309-446-9367

New Year's Day Ride – Greg Durst

With the mercury hovering just over the freezing mark, twelve hardy souls set out for the traditional New Year's Day Ride. After everyone bundled up in their warmest tights, balaclavas, booties, gloves, helmet covers and any other cold weather riding apparel they could find, we were off. There is no better way to start a cold ride than a 40 m.p.h. descent of Cedar Hills Drive! Shortly thereafter, the group split into two with my group going to the river road for some Eagle spotting. I guess the Eagles didn't like the day's weather either, but we did see one. After climbing out of the river valley, the weather took a slight turn for the worse with a mixture of rain and sleet starting to fall. So we altered the route a little for a more direct route home. Actually I think everyone really just wanted to go back up Cedar Hills Drive! The two groups did end up with rides of around 20 and 27 miles. Pretty darn good considering the conditions. Thank you to Eric Hutchison for leading the second group and to all who came to ride. What a way to start the new year!

Illinois Valley Wheelm'n Ride Schedule

Tuesday Daytime Ride Show & Go from Dunlap Grade School at 9:30am. Mileage will vary depending on the *weather 25-40 miles.

Thursday Daytime Ride Laurie Wilbur (446-9367) leads this ride from Jubilee College Historical Site at 9:30am. All levels are welcome. Mileage will vary depending on the *weather 25-40 miles.

*Tuesday & Thursday daytime ride temperature is 38 degrees or above.

Saturday Washington Show & Go Rides

Each Saturday there are two Show & Go rides. Location- Washington Square ride is for level 3 riders departing at 8:30am

- Russell's Cycle & Fitness 8:30am ride is open to all levels

Sunday Banner School Winter Rides

Show & Go from Banner School at 1:00pm on Sunday afternoons. Banner School is located on the corner of Allen road and Cedar Hill Drive (just west of Route 40). Distance varies depending on the weather & the group. Lights are recommended.

ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELM'N MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name #1 _____ Birthdate _____
please print clearly

Name #2 _____ Birthdate _____

Name #3 _____ Birthdate _____

Name #4 _____ Birthdate _____

E-mail address (print clearly) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip + 4 _____
Zip + 4 look-up website: www.usps.com/zip4

Phone () _____

Signature (Name #1) _____ Date _____
(parent or guardian if registrant is under 18)

Are you renewing, or is this a new membership? (check one)

Renewing New

If new, how did you find out about the club? _____

Are you an LAB member (check one)

Yes No

Basic membership:

Individual (\$10) \$ _____
Household (\$12) \$ _____

Voluntary advocacy contribution:
(\$5, \$10, \$15, other) \$ _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

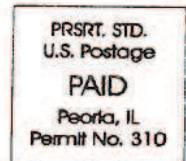
DISCLAIMER: In signing this form, I understand and agree to absolve the officers and members of the Illinois Valley Wheelm'n bicycle of all blame for any injury, misadventure, harm, loss, or inconvenience suffered as a result of taking part in any activity sponsored or advertised by said organization.

Make check payable to: ILLINOIS WHEELM'N, 6518 North Sheridan Rd., Ste 2, Peoria IL 61614-2933

Upcoming Social Events:

1. Feb 4 Dinner Larriat Club
2. Feb 10 Swap Meet
3. April 9 Breakout Ride

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